

**Pages 97-98, replace the bridging paragraph as follows:**

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In the above descriptions, the bundle 49 of the photosensitive printing plates 42 is packaged in the form of caramel packaging and pillow-type packaging (in the fourth to the ninth embodiments), and further, in the accommodation box 1022 or 1142 and the light-shielding paper 1026 or the light-shielding plate 1146 (in the tenth and the eleventh embodiments). However, it should be noted that the form of packaging is not limited to these examples. In short, it suffices as long as the bundle 49 of the photosensitive printing plates 42 is packaged and completely shielded from light properly such that unnecessary exposure of the printing plates 42, is avoided.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice and/or disclaimer.**

**Please amend the following claims:**

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8. (Amended) A printing plate packaging box comprising:

a box main body which accommodates a bundle of photosensitive printing plates and which is provided with a supply opening through which the photosensitive printing plates are taken out; and

an opening/closing lid which is removably attached to said box for opening/closing the supply opening.

9. (*Amended*) A printing plate packaging box comprising:

an opening/closing lid which is swingably attached to said box for opening/closing the supply opening.

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10. (*Amended*) A printing plate packaging box comprising:

a box main body which accommodates a bundle of photosensitive printing plates and which is provided with a supply opening through which the photosensitive printing plates are taken out; and

an opening/closing lid which is slidably attached to said box for opening/closing the supply opening.

**Please add the following new claims:**

--27. (New) A printing plate packaging box according to claim 8, wherein said opening/closing lid is disposed on a top surface of the box main body.

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28. (New) A printing plate packaging box according to claim 9, wherein said opening/closing lid is disposed on a top surface of the box main body.

29. (New) A printing plate packaging box according to claim 10, wherein said opening/closing lid is disposed on a top surface of the box main body.--

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

**Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure and replace it with the following new Abstract of the Disclosure.**

A 26  
A photosensitive printing plate supplying apparatus for supplying a photosensitive printing plate to an automatic plate making machine for a photosensitive printing plate includes a printing plate packaging device which accommodates a bundle of photosensitive printing plates; a printing plate accommodating portion to which the printing plate packaging device is removably attached and which can completely shield light from the exterior; and a